The Board of Fire and Police Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE – Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. in the City Hall Caucus Room, Room #123, 730 Maine St, Quincy, IL 62301. Chairman Kelty called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

ATTENDANCE-

- PRESENT IN PERSON: Commissioner Curt Kelty (Chair), Commissioner Mike McLaughlin, Commissioner Angela Caldwell, Legal Counsel Ryan Schnack, and Commission Secretary Jennifer Kerker. The meeting was recorded.
- MEDIA PRESENT: None
- ALDERMEN/OTHER PRESENT: None.
- PUBLIC: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The Commissioners reviewed the March 10, 2026, regular session minutes. Kelty moved to approve. Second Caldwell. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Kelty motioned to approve the invoice from Florissant Psychological Services for $450.00. Second McLaughlin. Motion carried.
- Kelty motioned to approve the invoice from All Purpose Polygraph for $175.00. Second McLaughlin. Motion carried.
- Kelty motioned to remove police lateral applicant Chris Walotka from the lateral list. Second McLaughlin. Motion carried.
- Kelty motioned to begin background checks on the next four police candidates and to proceed in scheduling an interview with the new lateral applicant. Second Caldwell. Motion carried.
- Kelty motioned to approve the 2025 Annual Report as modified. Second Caldwell. Motion carried.
- Kelty motioned to approve the Rules and Regulations Review as modified. Second McLaughlin. Motion carried.

Kelty moved to suspend and enter into Police and Fire executive session at 10:09 a.m. regarding personnel matters pursuant to the Open Meetings Act of 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). McLaughlin seconded. Motion carried.

Kelty moved to end executive session at 10:55 a.m. pursuant to the Open Meetings Act of 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). McLaughlin seconded. Motion carried.

Kelty moved to resume the regular session meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Quincy Police Department (QPD) Police Chief Adam Yates joined the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

- Chief Yates provided an update on his monthly report.
- Chief Yates advised that beginning in July, the police department will have a four year term limit on specialty position. Employees working the specialty position(s) may apply again and will go through the same process as others who are applying.
- Chief Yates relayed that the city council passed an updated policy on e-scooters/bikes and gas bikes.
- Chief advised that Chaddock has budgeted (they will pay 65% of the salary) for a School Resource Officer at Chaddock. The hope is for the employee selected to start this position in July.
- Chief Yates advised there may be new legislation (only for municipal departments) in the state statue regarding points of contact for evaluations.
- Chief Yates advised that he and Chief Salrin met with JWCC President Dr. Aron Potter to discuss a high school to police/fire pipeline. Chief Yates gave Dr. Potter Commissioner Caldwell's information to reach out to her.

- Chief Yates spoke with Sgt. Hollensteiner, and they are looking at doing recruit testing on Saturday, October 17th and make applications available at the end of July.
- Chief Yates advised at the present time, there is one vacancy at the police department.

Chief Yates departed the meeting at 10:55 am.

Quincy Fire Department (QFD) Fire Chief Steve Salrin joined the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

- Chief Salrin provided an update on his monthly report.
- Chief Salrin advised that the majority of his month was working on the budget.
- Chief Salrin relayed that the WIU students who are attending the six-week Basic Operations Firefight Class is now down to 11 students.
- Chief Salrin advised that he has been working with the owners of Paddle Up about a guns and hoses fundraiser to benefit the senior center elevator replacement project and that it will most likely be a weekend event.
- Chief Salrin and Chief Yates met with JWCC President Dr. Aron Potter to discuss a high school to police/fire pipeline.

Chief Salrin departed the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Review annual monthly calendar of events.
- Review candidate status report.
- Review budget.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The 2025-2026 Annual Report was discussed.
- The Rules and Regulations were discussed.
- Kelty provided a prioritized action worksheet and explained how this will be very beneficial.

Kelty made a motion to adjourn at 11:40 a.m. Second McLaughlin. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Kerker, Secretary
Board of Fire & Police Commission
Audio dated 04-14-2026